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Please **CANCEL** Claim 25.

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

65. (AMENDED) The method of claim 64, wherein said determining comprises at least one of:

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- (i) sending information about the buyer offer to at least one seller; and
  - (ii) locally determining if the buyer offer will be accepted.

85. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

receiving, from a buyer through a communication network, a buyer offer, including information about a product to be purchased, a first price and a payment identifier;

a22 determining if the buyer offer will be accepted by evaluating at least one of: the first price, a settlement price to be paid to a retailer in exchange for providing the product to the buyer, a seller price to be paid to a seller of the product, a subsidy amount to be paid by a subsidy provider, a commission amount to be paid by a commission provider, and a minimum acceptable price;

receiving from the buyer payment of the first price using the payment identifier;

sending a pseudo payment identifier to the buyer;

receiving the pseudo payment identifier from the retailer;

sending to the retailer a verification authorizing the buyer to take possession of the product; and

arranging for the retailer to receive payment of the settlement price.

94. (AMENDED) A method of operating a purchasing system, comprising:

arranging through a communication network for a buyer to purchase a product from a seller at a first price;

*Q23* arranging for the buyer to take possession of the product at a retailer that offers the product for sale at a second price;

arranging for the buyer to provide a payment to the retailer based on the second price; and

arranging for the retailer to receive a payment based on the difference between the first price and the second price.